

## WATERVILLE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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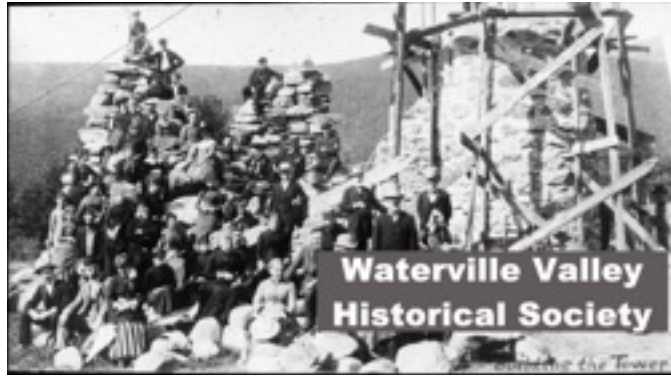
Dear Fellow Historians,

**Welcome to the first issue of the Waterville Valley Historical Society's Quarterly Newsletter.** In each issue we will keep you up to date with Society news and our schedule of upcoming events. We also hope to entertain you with tales of times gone by and stories from the history of our Valley as presented by some of our local historians and residents.

We appreciated your enthusiasm at our first membership meeting last August 4, 2018. Many of you signed up for committees in addition to listening to Preston and Brenda Conklin discuss the images of Valley history they have collected. Your Society organized and hosted the first annual "Getting to Know the Valley" on September 1. The event provided a venue for local organizations, clubs and businesses to introduce themselves and provide information to both locals and guests of the Valley. It was well attended by both participants and visitors.

During the winter months, your Board met primarily through conference calls. We worked on consolidating committees, learning about preservation of historical materials, exploring the creation of a storage space and an eventual exhibit space, planning for summer activities and generating some articles for the Wig Wag. **We look forward to your questions and suggestions at our Annual Meeting on August 17th.**

History tidbit: In the early 1900's the young women who summered in the Valley included many enthusiastic hikers who found the long skirts of that era cumbersome. Their solution was to hike out of sight of the more conservative older residents, then remove their long skirts to reveal their bloomers underneath. They left their skirts hanging on tree branches and climbed the mountains around us in comfort in their bloomers. They picked up their skirts on the way back and arrived home respectably dressed. (Source: Clara Crosby Ware Goodrich, 1888-1980, who was one of those enterprising young women).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **17 August:** Annual Membership Meeting

Place: Waterville Valley Rec Department Multipurpose Room

**Time: 6:15 pm** **Talk:** The History of Freestyle Skiing:

“From Waterville Valley to the Olympics”, by Jack Sanders

**7:00 pm** Annual Meeting

Refreshments and Social Time

### **1 September:** Cellar Hole Hike with Preston and Brenda Conklin

Place: Meet at the parking pull off at the junction of Rt 49 and Upper Mad River Road.

**Time: 10:00 am**

The three-mile hike should last 2.5 hours depending on questions. It will feature a visit to the original Waterville Cemetery and stops at home sites of some of Waterville’s earliest settlers. Hikers should bring their own water and wear comfortable shoes.

### **1 September:** 2nd Annual “Getting to Know the Valley”

Place: Town Square

**Time: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

You may be very surprised to find what our little Valley has to offer. Many of our Organizations, Clubs and Businesses will be represented.

To get up to date news on Society happenings please:

- Follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/wvhistorical.org/>)
- Check the Resort Insider
- Look for Articles by our local historians in “**The Wig Wag**”

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